

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Award of Contract: A/E
Design Services - Pupil
Transportation

ITEM NO.: 9F

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MEETING: October 25, 2005
ACTION DATE: October 25, 2005

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the award of a professional service contract in the amount of \$90K to SHW Group of 7701 Greenbelt Road, Suite 222 Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 for the design of the new Pupil Transportation Facility and select design option #2.

KEY POINTS:

1. The new Pupil Transportation Facility is identified in the FY06-11 CIP. Project design to be funded in FY06 (70K) and construction to be funded in FY07 (875K).
2. Staff plans to utilize SHW Group to design the project and provide construction administration services. SHW Group is currently one of four Architectural firms SCPS uses for design services and has been approved through our open-ended professional services contract process. Staff has reviewed the \$90K fee proposal and find it within budget and within current pricing standards.
3. Project includes a new 5,000 sf facility to be sited in the general area that the existing Pupil Transportation modular is sited. The facility will provide administrative offices, a combined security/bus dispatch operations center and additional parking. The project will require the demolition of an existing County-owned 1,500 sf warehouse and the existing modular. Like storage space will be provided for the County in the new addition to the Central Maintenance/Operations Complex facility.

4. Staff reviewed three (3) architectural/structural building options with the architect. Staff recommends option #2.

Option #1 Pre-engineered building, metal roof, metal siding and metal stud interior walls.

Pros:

- Easy to construct
- Cost (estimate 1% < option #2, 5% < option #3)

Cons:

- Architecturally not compatible with adjacent buildings
- May not be best structural option for 24/7 dispatch center

Option #2 Load bearing metal stud building, metal roof, brick veneer siding, metal stud interior walls.

Pros:

- Easy to construct (similar to office buildings)
- Cost (< option #3)
- Architecturally compatible with adjacent buildings
- Good structural option for 24/7 dispatch center

Cons:

- Cost (> option #1)

Option #3 CMU load bearing walls, light gauge steel framing, metal roof, brick veneer siding, metal stud interior walls

Pros:

- Relatively easy to construct
- Architecturally compatible with adjacent buildings
- Excellent structural option for 24/7-dispatch center

Cons:

- Cost (> option #1 and #2)

5. If approved by the School Board, staff plans to issue a notice to proceed in October 2005.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and and community support.

#7 – Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn

FUNDING SOURCE: VPSA – Pupil Transportation Facility

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Stafford County School Board Policy 4-12
Stafford County School Board Policy 4-29